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## THE NEWS SUMMARY.

### ITEMS IN VIRGINIA.

#### LIGHTNING CAUSES AN EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE.

WYTHEVILLE, Va., May 15.—[Special.]—Lightning struck a tree at Max Meadows, the Compton Cases at Lynchburg—Protest Against Changing School Books.

WYTHEVILLE, Va., May 15.—[Special.]—The annual was called out there, that the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met.—The Richmond and Manchester Land Company was organized.—The barn burners of Henrico were convicted.—Forty-six dollars were stolen from a little girl by negro boys.—The closing exercises of the Mechanics' Institute took place.—The Methodist Laymen's Union was reorganized.—Delegates to the Universal Peace Congress were elected.—The Lett statue has been put together.—The Elizabethtown Association met to arrange for the reception of the Washington artillery.—The ladies interested in the Military Ball held a meeting.—Clay ward active men met.—The Richmond Veterans' Gays elected officers for the ensuing year.—The Compton Cases will meet in called session this evening at the Clerk's.—Miss Fannie Gregory Hicks and Dr. Rufus Speight were married.

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Protests are being made vigorously in the counties against any change in the school books.—Joseph Staples was arrested in suit, charged with shooting Hamilton Woodruff.—Five thousand dollars to the property of J. T. Smart, in Appomattox.—Berry Penick (negro) was sentenced, in Campbell county to twelve years in the penitentiary for robbery.—In the cases at Lynchburg were postponed.—The teachers' bill at Lynchburg was a brilliant success.—A bill to amend an explosion of dynamite at Max Meadows.—Bishop Van de Vyver consecrated St. Vincent Hospital at Lynchburg.—The farm known as Hedge Field, situated one mile from Wytheville, the old home of Colored R. E. W. Hill, was sold a few days since to the Wytheville Development Company by the owner, Mr. John Williams, for \$15,000. The Development company resold immediately to one of the real estate companies for \$16,000, and they have a building erected for \$18,000. The tract contains a hundred and ninety acres, and Main street if extended will pass through the center of it.

A part of the land will be reserved for mining purposes, and the rest laid out into streets and lots, and put on the market. A street car line from the depot up Main street and extending through the property is contemplated.

The Town Council has determined to extend and grade Main Street, at the west end along the line of the development and West-and-Land companies, and leading to the new "Jackson Park Hotel."

The Hancock House, which was sold for \$8,000 by four business men of the town, a popular brick business building will be erected on the Dyer lot, on Main street during the summer.

Two new stores will be opened here in the next few weeks. There is a constant and increasing demand for houses, stores, and office buildings, and the people here are awaiting the enterprising epithet, who will supply that demand. The Presbyterians will be with us.—The Methodists will be with us.—The Episcopalian church is planning extensive improvements upon their church also.

#### LYNCHBURG.

Destructive Fire in Appomattox—Negro Sentenced for Outrage.

LYNCHBURG, VA., May 15.—[Special.]—The telephone line from Glasgow to Lexington is now open and said to be working most successfully.

A destructive fire occurred in Appomattox early yesterday morning, when the residence, tobacco barn, and other outbuildings of Mr. J. T. Smart were destroyed. Mr. Smart is a well-known tobacco planter, and a frequent visitor to Lynchburg. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin, and four negroes recently discharged from the plantations are suspected. The loss is estimated at \$10,000. No insurance.

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#### RED MEN'S COUNCIL.

Great Officers Elected and Installed—The Barbecue.

BRENTVILLE, VA., May 15.—[Special.]—The term of the Circuit Court, which has been in session since Monday, adjourned to-day and the Hon. James Keith left in time to take the 1:20 P. M. train at Manassas.

Among the many cases disposed of on the last day of the court were Wiley against the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, Great Chief of Redskins, and the like.

The next day his body was found hanging from a tree.—The Northern Presbyterian Assembly met in the First Presbyterian Church in Sumner, N. Y., yesterday.—The Southern Methodist's continued their audience yesterday at St. Louis.—The body of Paul Touli, a wealthy farmer, was found hanging to a tree near Beverly, Randolph county, W. Va., Wednesday night.—Wife Capset fire to the ear of a negro named Anderson, near Meridian. The negro killed one and wounded two others.—A number of eastern capitalists are prospecting in East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia.—The Southern Presbyterian General Assembly met at Asheville, N. C.—The Kentucky Sardar caucus adjourned after taking three ballots, on the last ballot Carlisle had forty-seven to the third ballot.—The Representatives of the Third Congressional District of Pennsylvania have an option on 4,000 acres of land near Quantico, which has been taken on account of iron ore.

#### SCHOOL-BOOK QUESTION.

Protests Still Coming from the Different Counties.

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Hustings Court Cases—The Confederate Monum.

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